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TAGS: OEXC TC (H.E. SAEED AL-GAITH)

SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL VISITOR NOMINATIONS - UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

PART I

REF: DEPT AIRGRAM A-8585; ABU DHABI 0020 (LOU)

1. NAME: H.E. SAEED AL-GAITH (RECOMMEND FIRST CLASS TRAVEL
AND VIP PERDIEM)

2. SIGNIFICANT POSITIONS:
PRESENT: MINISTER OF STATE FOR INFORMATION
PAST: DIRECTOR, POLITICAL AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

3. PERSONAL DATA:
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: CIRCA 1945, DUBAI
CITIZENSHIP: UNITED ARAB EMIRATES.

4. TRAVEL ABROAD: IRAQ

5. PREVIOUS U.S. GRANT: NONE

6. ESCORT SERVICES:
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WILL ESCORT BE REQUIRED? NO.

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7. VISA ELIGIBILITY: WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR J-1 VISA.

8. REASON FOR NOMINATION: SAEED AL-GHAITH IS A BRIGHT, HARD-WORKING SUB-MINISTERIAL OFFICIAL WITH WHOM THE EMBASSY HAS HAD CONSIDERABLE CONTACT. HE IS WELL DISPOSED TOWARDS THE UNITED STATES AND GIVEN HIS SOMEWHAT UNIQUE DEDICATION (FOR U.A.E.) TO HIS RESPONSIBILITIES, HE IS ALMOST ALWAYS ACCESSABLE TO US. AL-GAITH STILL MAINTAINS TIES TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND GENERALLY SERVES AS ACTING-FOREIGN MINISTER WHEN THE MINISTER AND MINISTER OF STATE ARE AWAY (A NOT INFREQUENT OCCURRENCE). WITH EMBASSY PAO IN PLACE, AL-GAITH HAS PROVED VERY VALUABLE IN OUR INFORMATIONAL PROGRAM AS WELL. IN SHORT, HE IS A MAN OF CONSIDERABLE AND VARIED TALENTS, WHO PROMISES TO BE IN POSITIONS OF IMPORTANCE FOR FORESEEABLE FUTURE AND WHO WOULD HOPEFULLY HAVE HIS PRO-AMERICAN ATTITUDES REINFORCED BY A VISIT TO THE U.S.

9. POST OBJECTIVES FOR U.S. VISIT: IN ADDITION TO A GENERAL EXPOSURE TO THE UNITED STATES, THE EMBASSY

WOULD HOPE TO HAVE AL-GAITH'S VISIT DIRECTED AT HIS TWO PRIME INTERESTS--FOREIGN POLICY AND INFORMATION. HE SHOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH GROUPS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF COUNTRY INTERESTED IN FOREIGN POLICY QUESTIONS AND TO SEE THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN ALL ASPECTS OF INFORMATION/MEDIA WORK.

10. POST ESTIMATE OF NOMINEE'S AVAILABILITY DATES FOR U.S. PROGRAM: 3-4 WEEKS IN MAY-JUNE.
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